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Ms. Andrea Antillion Staff Counsel RCF Management, LLC Basin Perlite Company 1400 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200 Denver, CO 80202 RECEIVED

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Ms. Antillion:

This letter responds to your written request, dated July 24, 2014, for partial bond release submitted to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining for Basin Perlite's Pearl Queen Mine, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining file M/001/0027. Those portions of the large mine permit area falling on BLM-managed land are authorized through plan of operations UTU-80276. The plan disturbances include the Schoo Mine and a waste perlite disposal cell adjacent to it, which together disturb about ten acres.

Ed Ginouves of my staff last inspected the Schoo Mine site on June 26, 2014, just following the completion of earthwork reclamation for the mine site and disposal area. He reports the earthwork reclamation met the regulatory requirements to allow for partial release of the BLM portion of the large mine permit bond. Accordingly, I will recommend to the Division the release of all but \$11,000 of the BLM-portion of the overall permit bond. The remaining bond monies will be retained until satisfactory vegetation is established on the reclaimed areas.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ed Ginouves directly at 435-865-3040.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Burghard Field Office Manager

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